

P R O G R A M M E

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Local actors for Europe : Municipalities and their partners

- 9.30** Registration of participants ; welcome breakfast
- 10.00** Inauguration of the exhibition on the Golden Stars
Mr Ján ROEL, Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture, and Multilingualism
- 10.15** Opening session
Chair : Pierre MARESSE, Director, DG Education and Culture, European Commission
Opening speech by Commissioner Ján ROEL
Welcome presentations by institutional representatives :
- Mr HONONEN, Permanent Representative of Finland, Presidency of the EU*
- Mr DANILUA, Rapporteur for the "Europe for Citizens" Programme, European Parliament*
- Mr DELEBARRE, President of the Committee of the Regions*
- Ms SIGMUND, President of the European Economic and Social Committee*
- 11.30** Participating in the "Active European Citizenship" programme - sharing experiences across Europe
Bringing new and old Member States together
by a representative of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
Testimony of Nürnberg and Krakow by the Mayor of Nürnberg*
Potential of big cities in mobilising citizens for democracy
by a representative of EUROCITIES
Testimony of Intercultural Communication and leadership School
Mr Gáza TESSENYI, President
Testimony of the city of Bradford*
- 12.30 - 14.00** Lunch and visit of the exhibition
- 14.00 - 15.30** New Europe, New programme, New opportunities
Chair : Mr Risto RAVIO, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Education and Culture, European Commission
Development of town twinning since 1999
Mr Anders KNAPE, Mayor of Karlstad, President of CEMR Town twinning Committee, Member of the Committee of the Regions
From 12 to 25 Mr Ed WEBER, President of Douvillage
Old problems, new solutions
Mr Arvidas GARBARAVIČIUS, Mayor of Kaunas
Unlocking the potential
Mr Noel FORMOSA, Mayor of San Lawrenz, Malta
Sweden Emilia Romagna Network (SERN) : a structural approach to partnership*
Open debate of mayors of twinned towns who participated in the "Active European Citizenship" programme
- 15.30 - 16.00** Coffee break
- 16.00 - 17.00** Local Democracy, Dialogue and Debate for Europe :
Putting Plan D into practice
Chair : Ms Christine BOON-FALLEUR, Head of Unit, DG Education and Culture, European Commission
Introduction by Directorate General for Communication, European Commission
Getting Europe into the local agenda through town twinning
Mr Gábor DEMSČEK, Mayor of Budapest*
Example of a big city mobilising on Plan D (name tbc)
New partners: Community development foundations Ms Jana KUWČKA, Community Partnership Initiative Coordinator, European Foundation Centre
New methods: a citizens panel project from the pilot actions (name tbc)
Discussion

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER (EVENING)

Ceremony of the Golden Stars for Active European Citizenship

- 17.30 - 19.30** Welcome by Master of Ceremony.
Prizes will be awarded by Ms Odile QUINTIN, Director General, DG Education and Culture, European Commission
With the presence of Mr SIRUNAVAS MEP, President of the Culture Committee, European Parliament *

19.30 - 21.00 Cocktail

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

"Europe for Citizens" Programme

- 9.00** Registration of participants (continued) ; welcome breakfast
- 9.30** Implementation of the future - Europe for Citizens - programme
Chair and introduction on the Programme guide by Mr Risto RAVIO, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Education and Culture, European Commission
Presentation on operational aspects, including simplification
Mr Marc JORNA, Head of Unit, Executive Agency for Education and Culture
The role of stakeholders: Partnership and consultation
Ms Cécile LE CLERCQ, DG Education and Culture, European Commission
Testimony on the consultation process
Mr Tony VENABLES, European Citizen Action Service (ECAS)
Discussion
- 10.45 - 11.15** Coffee break
- 11.15 - 12.45** Developing Impact : Thematic priorities
Chair and introduction on Permanent and Annual priorities by Ms Christine BOON-FALLEUR, Head of Unit, DG Education and Culture, European Commission
The future of Europe and its basic values
a representative of the European Movement
Closer look to annual priorities :
- European Year of Equal Opportunities for all 2007
Presentation by the European Commission
Ms Luise/la RAMAWOOLFE, Director, DG Employment and Social Affairs
European Year as a challenge for Civil Society Organisations
Ms Anne/Sophie RRENT, President of the Social Platform and a representative of ETUC
- European Year for Intercultural Dialogue 2008
Presentation by the European Commission
Mr SUCHA, Director, DG Education and Culture
Example of best practice on intercultural dialogue (name tbc)
Debate
- 12.45 - 14.15** Lunch
- 14.15 - 16.00** Maximising results : Networking, dissemination and exploitation
Chair and introduction by Mr Pierre MARESSE, Director, DG Education and Culture, European Commission
Example of networking organisation
Ms Monika PILERDIA, European Civic Forum*
Example of networking from think tanks
Mr Sebastian ALRPRS, European Policy Institutes Network (EPIN)
Presentation on dissemination and exploitation of results
Ms Aline COPETTE, Head of Unit, DG Education and Culture, European Commission
Example of dissemination and exploitation of results by a civil society organisation (name tbc)
Debate
Conclusions
Ms Odile QUINTIN, Director General, DG Education and Culture, European Commission

* to be confirmed